IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

EVALUATING CONFLICT RESOLUTION RULES--.

Please replace the Summary of Invention section on page 3, lines 5 through 26

with the following amended section:

--The one of the aspect of the present invention has its object to improve the

description structure of conflict resolution rules for a user interface so as to reduce a developer's

mistakes and the number of steps.

The above object is attained in information processing apparatus, program and

method according to the present invention. According to the information processing apparatus,

program and method, an extraction unit is configured to extract a conflict resolution rule from the

head of a queue; a determination unit is configured to determine whether or not a predetermined

control symbol is included in the conflict resolution rule extracted by the extraction unit, wherein

the control symbol indicates information on priority of application of the conflict resolution rule

over other rules; and a processing unit is configured to, if it is determined by the determination

unit that the control symbol is included in the conflict resolution rule extracted by the extraction

unit, remove the control symbol from the conflict resolution rule and insert the conflict resolution

rule from which the control symbol is removed into the end of the queue, and if it is determined

by the determination unit that the control symbol is not included in the conflict resolution rule

<u>extracted by the extraction unit, evaluate the conflict resolution rule extracted by the extraction</u> <u>unit</u> ~~a file where plural conflict resolution rules are described is read to avoid unconformity~~ ~~among set values in a device driver, and in accordance with the respective conflict resolution~~ ~~rules, the status of a corresponding set values are controlled. Note that at least one of the plural~~ ~~conflict resolution rules includes information on application priority over the other conflict~~ ~~resolution rules~~.

Other features and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like reference characters designate the same name or similar parts throughout the figures thereof.--

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